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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 15 January 1951

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. William H. Jackson
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fisher Howe, acting for Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General R. J. Canine, acting for Assistant Chief of
Staff, G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence
Major General Charles P. Cabell, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic
Energy Commission
Captain R. G. McCool, USN, acting for Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. William L. Langer, Central Intelligence Agency
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Intelligence Agency

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Mr. Charles C. Stelle, Department of State
Brigadier General John Weckerling, Department of the Army
Colonel Hamilton H. Howze, Department of the Army
Captain Ray Malpass, USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force
Lieut. Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force
Mr. C. D. DeLoach, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Secretary
Mr. James Q. Reber
Central Intelligence Agency

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Soviet Course of Action with
Respect to Germany (NIE-4)

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Communist China (NIE-10)

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2. Action: Approved as revised.

3. Discussion: The proposed redraft (incorporating A'2's suggestions) was submitted by G-2. During the discussion General Weckerling commented that in some respects the draft presented by the Office of National Estimates did not fully represent the agreement reached at the all day session on Saturday. Dr. Langer vigorously disagreed with this allegation. Mr. Jackson asked General Cabell whether the issue involved here could be addressed directly. General Cabell stated that the exceptions referred to by General Weckerling really were in the minority as far as being material to the issue but that the problem as he saw it was that the policy inclinations of the various departments tended to be reflected in the details of the paper; their cumulative effect was what disturbed him. It seemed to him that the effect of the original paper would be to point out to the policy makers disadvantages of taking positive steps with respect to China, and he stated frankly that his own inclinations were in the opposite direction.

4. Mr. Jackson expressed his concern lest the IAC become involved in policy considerations rather than addressing itself as objectively as possible to intelligence appreciation. The discussion led to no conclusion except that through detailed analysis of the proposed changes an agreement on the paper was reached.

5. At the conclusion of the examination of the paper and after agreement on it, General Cabell requested discussion concerning the desirability of accepting a paper which he had prepared on this subject for attachment to the estimate and clearly labeled as his own comments. It was the consensus that this would be undesirable unless it was General Cabell's desire to dissent from the paper just concluded, in which case his paper should be drafted in such a way as to address the estimate specifically. In respect to this point it was argued that if General Cabell's comments were not addressed to the estimate there was the danger that this process of attaching elaborate comments might not only become extensive but also would seriously reduce the effectiveness of the estimates. Following the discussion General Cabell stated that the paper would not be submitted.

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